CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS

RESOLUTION NO. R-4-05

Introduced by Alderman Cohen

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

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A RESOLUTION concerning

The 2005 Annual Bay Bridge Run and Walk

- **FOR** the purpose of urging the State of Maryland to allow the Bridge Run and Walk to go forward at such time as all three lanes on the westbound span are open; and matters generally relating to said policy.
- **WHEREAS**, the Annual Chesapeake Bay Bridge Run and Walk has been a tradition since 1975; and
- WHEREAS, this event has provided an up-close opportunity for thousands of Annapolitans and other Marylanders to celebrate and enjoy the Bay and the Bridge that spans it; and
- **WHEREAS**, this event has provided special motivation for many of us to get out of our armchairs and into our jogging shoes, at least for a few hours; and
- **WHEREAS**, this event increases tourism and boosts the local economy by showcasing Maryland in media outlets and drawing participants from across the country; and
- **WHEREAS**, concerns about terrorism and foul weather conspired to cause the event to be canceled in 2002 and 2003; and

- **WHEREAS**, the State Department of Transportation has made the decision to cancel the 2005 event due in part to the ongoing construction on the westbound span; and
- **WHEREAS**, canceling this event for the third time in four years will disappoint thousands of runners and walkers this year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the City of Annapolis does hereby respectfully urge the State of Maryland to reconsider its decision, and work with event organizers to allow the Bridge Run and Walk to go forward at such time when all three lanes on the westbound span are open;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor, the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, the President of the Maryland Senate, the Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, and the Anne Arundel County Delegation to the General Assembly.

ADOPTED this 28th day of February, 2005.

ATTEST:	THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL	
	BY:	
Deborah Heinbuch, MMC City Clerk	ELLEN O. MOYER, MAYOR	